



# The Victory View

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## NOTES

- **Fall Street Sweeping** is scheduled to be in Victory the week of October 31
  - Most north/south streets are scheduled to be swept the week of October 31.
  - Sheridan, Thomas, Upton and east/west streets are scheduled to be swept the week of November 7
- Last week for **Yard Waste pick up** is the week of November 14, weather permitting. (In the event of a large snowfall before then, yard waste pick up will end.)

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## Keep Our Water Clean !

Most of us would never dream of polluting our lakes, streams and rivers on purpose. But when we allow grass clippings, leaves, fertilizer, antifreeze, paint, gasoline, motor oil and animal waste to go down our storm drains that is exactly what we are doing. Also when it rains, stormwater falls on hard surfaces and as it runs across these surfaces it picks up pollutants carrying them into the storm drains. The storm drains provide a direct route for these pollutants to flow **untreated** into Shingle Creek and then to the Mississippi River. When stormwater pollutes our river it can ruin swimming, fishing and other recreational activities.



The message above is to remind us to keep pollutants from washing off our yards, driveways, sidewalks or streets and into the storm drains. That is why neighborhood

volunteers, led by the Victory Environment Committee, spent the morning of September 24, stenciling this message on the stormwater catch basins throughout the neighborhood.

What can you do? Keep leaves and grass clippings out of the street. If you use lawn chemicals, such as fertilizer, herbicides and pesticides use them responsibly and keep them off of driveways, sidewalks and streets. Wash your car on your lawn or take it to a carwash to keep soap and other chemicals from ending up in our lakes or rivers. Keep your vehicle tuned up and clean up any oil leaks or spills from paved surfaces. Pick up and dispose of your pet's waste.

You can also Adopt-A-Catch Basin near your home. If it has not already been stenciled let us know. When you adopt a catch basin you commit to keeping it free of grass clippings, leaves, twigs and litter. In addition to sending pollutants directly to the Mississippi, when the catch basins are plugged up with trash, rainfall and snowmelt back up and flood

**PLEASE! DON'T POLLUTE!**



**DRAINS TO RIVER**

the streets and sidewalks bringing even more pollutants into the river when it recedes, not to mention making it difficult to drive and walk in the neighborhood.

You can educate your neighbors about the importance of keeping catch basins free of potential pollutants. Some neighbors may think it is OK to rake their leaves into the street ahead of the street sweepers but this is NOT a good idea and in fact is against City ordinances! The street sweepers actually sweep the leaves across the catch basins, allowing them to fall into the stormwater sewer.

You can distribute door hangers on your block. The door hangers explain the reasons that we should keep our catch basins free and clear. Victory has door hangers provided by Minneapolis Public Works. If you would like some for your block contact the Victory office.

**REMEMBER:** Only rain in the storm drain!

## Annual Meeting—4 New Board Members

Victory Neighborhood Association held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday September 28 at The Warren . The Board of Directors presented the annual report highlighting the programs, projects and activities of the organization over the last year. Copies of the annual report are available in the ViNA office or from the Victory Neighborhood website [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org)

After the presentation of the annual report , the election to the Board of Directors was held. Three seats were up for election to two year terms and only one director, Kris Brogan chose to run for re-

election . In addition two seats remained vacant with one year remaining in their terms.

The board election resulted in the re-election of Kris Brogan and the election of four NEW board members ; Duane Atter, David Dexheimer, Kristopher Ehlert and David Younk. At their October 5 board meeting the ViNA Board elected officers for the next year. Elected Chairperson was Diane Spector, Vice Chairperson David Dexheimer,

Treasurer Ann Kaari and Secretary Kris Brogan

Welcome to the Board , Duane, David D. , Kristopher and David Y! We look forward to an exciting and dynamic year ahead . And many thanks to our departing Board members , Gary Mortensen and Paul Schulz who are leaving due to work and family obligations. We thank you for the ideas and energy you brought to the organization and are happy that you will continue to work for us on committees.



The ViNA Board has 4 new directors

## NRP Funds Reallocated to Neighborhood Priorities

In the spring of this year the City Council released \$2.68M of the NRP funds that they had frozen last December back to the neighborhoods. As a result, approximately \$45K of Victory's Phase II allocation was made available to implement additional parts of their strategic plan. Because 34% of the plan remains unfunded, the Board of Directors engaged residents in discussion and

surveys to find out what their priorities were for the \$45K .

The priorities that were identified , through this community engagement, were Community Events, Youth Activities and

Business Node Improvements . At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors recommended and the membership approved the allocation of:

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\$10,000 for Events,  
\$10,000 for Youth Activities  
\$25,000 for Business Node Improvements

## Holiday on 44th

There are sleigh bells on our minds ... softly falling snow flakes, magicians , music and wide-eyed kids ... pony rides, hayrides, face painting ... roasted chestnuts and marshmallows, something for all; a once a year magical event - Holiday on 44th , an old fash-



December 2, 2011  
6 pm—9 pm

ioned Camden celebration.

Celebrating its 14th year on December 2, Holiday on 44th will bring warmth to a winter evening with free activities for everyone. It is a chance for neighbors to meet and mingle at Loring Community School , Patrick

Henry High School, at 44th and Penn and along 44th Avenue.

The celebration runs between 6 pm and 9 pm on the first Friday in December—December 2, 2011. ViNA is one of many community sponsors of this volunteer driven North Minneapolis tradition !

# Business Corner

Changes are happening at the business nodes in the Victory Neighborhood .

At 42nd and Thomas , there are new owners of the building that houses Papa’s Restaurant and Deli and the Sisters of Sewing . The two young men, Fred Rappaport and Ross Lumley , are already busy making improvements to the building and have applied for a Victory Façade Improvement Grant to help them do so. Once the building



Victory 44 Coffee Bar—a new sign and awnings.

improvements are complete they will be recruiting neighborhood serving businesses to fill the empty storefronts.

At 44th and Penn , Victory 44 is completing façade improvements with the help of Victory Façade Improvement and Great Street grants . They have a new sign and awnings and will be installing new exterior lighting. Meanwhile, there is a new owner of the commercial building at 2130 44th Ave No

which currently houses Haja’s Braiding. Mike Carlson is also interested in the purchase of the adjoining property , the former Cutting Edge salon. His future plans for the spaces may include a mid-range consignment shop.

Watch for more excitement at our business nodes after we complete our branding and marketing project . With the award of a Great Streets Grant from the City /CPED, ViNA was able to contract with the Thorburn Group to develop a brand and marketing plan for the business nodes. They will be working with the us to create a message and method to tell others to “Discover Victory.”

## Loans, Rebates and Opportunities for Residents

**Home Improvement Loans.** There are loan funds available for sustainable and energy efficient home improvements . Loans are available for interior or exterior improvements on owner occupied homes with a maximum loan amount of \$5000 at 3% interest.

**Home Security Rebates** ViNA still has funds available for rebates for improvements that will enhance the

safety of your home. All Victory residents, whether homeowners or renters as well as rental property owners, are eligible for the rebates. The rebates pay for 50% , up to \$125, for improvements such as deadbolt locks, dusk-to-dawn or motion lights, window pins , security storm

doors , new security systems and more.

**Energy Meters** are available to check out from the neighborhood office. You can use a simple energy meter to check how much electricity a device in your home uses and to calculate how much it costs to operate each year.

For more information check the Victory website [www.victoryneighborhood.org](http://www.victoryneighborhood.org) or contact the ViNA office

## The Great Minnesota Give Together —November 16

Give to the Max day is Wednesday , November 16. On this day, residents have opportunity to donate to ViNA . You were planning to give to ViNA anyway , so why not do it on November 16 . It’s simple! It’s easy! Just log onto [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org) and in the donate box in the



Give to Victory !

upper right hand column type in the Victory Neighborhood Association. This will bring you to the VINA page where you can charge the donation amount of your choice to your credit card. You can donate to ViNA through GiveMN anytime throughout the year but doing

it on November 16 has the potential for additional benefits for Victory: Throughout this year’s 24- hour Give to the Max day, one donor will be chosen every hour to have \$1000 added to their donation. Victory will also be competing for cash prize grants to be awarded to the organizations that receive the most dollars during the day. So give to Victory on November 16!

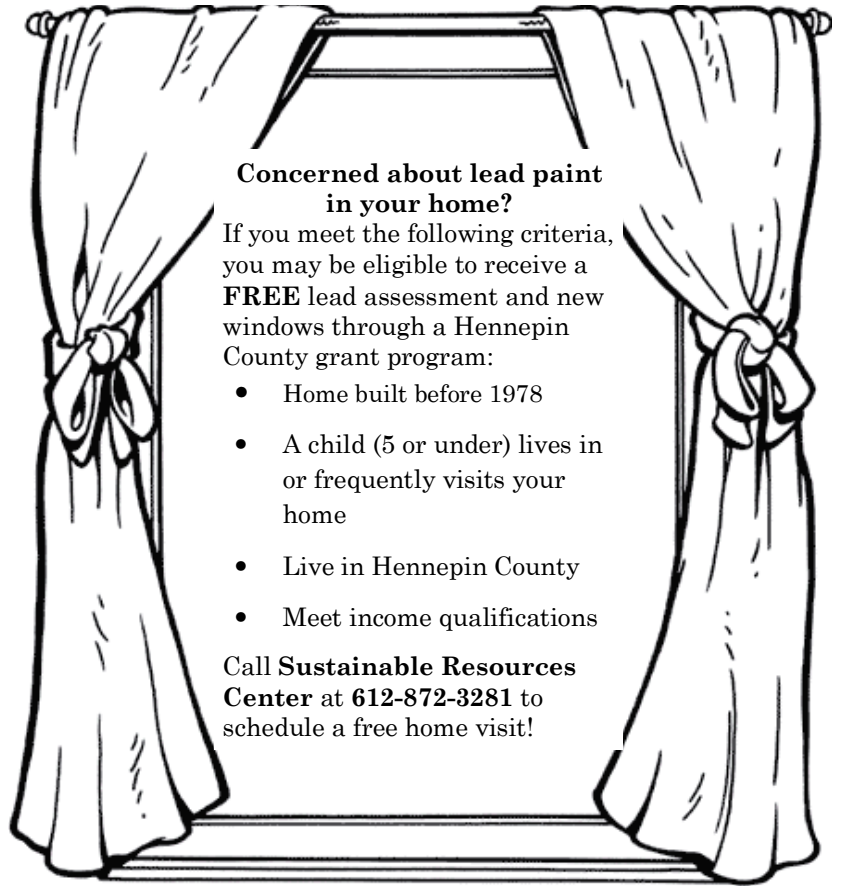
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Board of Directors.  
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**Concerned about lead paint  
in your home?**

If you meet the following criteria,  
you may be eligible to receive a  
**FREE** lead assessment and new  
windows through a Hennepin  
County grant program:

- Home built before 1978
- A child (5 or under) lives in  
or frequently visits your  
home
- Live in Hennepin County
- Meet income qualifications

Call **Sustainable Resources  
Center** at **612-872-3281** to  
schedule a free home visit!

# Meet the New Loring Principal

Dear Loring Community,  
My name is Ryan Gibbs, and I am  
the new principal at Loring School.  
I taught and lived on the Tohono  
Indian Reservation down in Sells,  
Arizona for 9 months back in  
1998. This was such a humbling  
and important experience for  
me. My entire career has been  
working in the Minneapolis Public  
Schools. I started my career at  
Jenny Lind as a K-5 special educa-  
tion teacher. While at  
Lind I worked as the lead  
problem solving teacher,  
worked as the behavior  
specialist and helped pilot  
the Olweus Bullying Pre-  
vention Program for ele-  
mentary students. This  
program was recognized  
nationally and we even  
had the instructional

videos filmed at Lind using our staff  
and students. As my career pro-  
gressed I found that my passion for  
behavior was now matched with my  
passion for instruction. I went on to  
be a part-time dean of students at  
Andersen as well as a part-time  
mentor teacher. I've presented pro-  
fessional development on the dis-  
trict curriculum adoptions, Institute  
For Learning (IFL) and many other  
best practice instructional strate-  
gies. Recently, I've  
served as assistant  
principal for Ramsey  
Fine Arts Center. I re-  
ceived my undergradu-  
ate degree at St. Cloud  
State in the area of spe-  
cial education. I went  
on to receive both my  
masters degree and my  
administrative degree

from St. Mary's University in Min-  
neapolis. I have such a strong pas-  
sion for learning and believe that  
we are all continuous learners.  
I am an avid gardener and have  
lived in this community for ten  
years. Although we have recently  
moved to the Uptown area, I still  
have such strong connections to the  
North Side.  
I am a strong believer that all kids  
can and will learn at a high level. I  
love the saying, smart is not what  
you are it is something that you be-  
come. I truly feel that statement  
holds true for all of the Loring  
stakeholders. I look forward for the  
opportunity to continue the tradi-  
tion of academic excellence here at  
Loring as well as establishing a  
strong partnership with the greater  
community.



Loring School has a new principal